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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO TO USSR

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1. SCICOUNS PASSED INFORMATION IN REF A RE SECRETARY CALIFANO'S ADVANCE PARTY TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) OFFICIALS ON MAY 4; FIRST DAY MOH OFFICIALS WERE AVAILABLE AFTER MAY DAY HOLIDAY. MOH OFFICIALS AGREED TO MAKE NECESSARY HOTEL AND INTERNAL TRAVEL RESERVATIONS FOR ADVANCE PARTY. (SCICOUNS NOTED THAT USG WILL COVER COSTS OF ADVANCE PARTY.)

2. MOH OFFICIALS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY CALIFANO'S VISIT:

--MEETING WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP: SCICOUNS STRESSED THAT SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE BILATERAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT DURING THEIR VISITS TO US. MOH OFFICIALS STATED THAT MINISTER OF HEALTH
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PETROVSKIY HAD NOTED TO THEM THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING FOR CALIFANO, BUT THEY DID NOT PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION.

--MEETING WITH EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICIALS: MOH OFFICIALS NOTED INTENTION "IN PRINCIPLE" TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HIGHER AND SPECIALIZED EDUCA-

TION V. P. YELUTIN, AND WITH RSFSR MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY DOMNA P. KOMAROVA, WHO THEY SAID HAS DEFINITELY AGREED TO MEET SECRETARY CALIFANO.

--PRESS CONFERENCE: MOH OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS PLAN TO ARRANGE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW FOR CALIFANO.

--COMMUNIQUE: MOH OFFICIALS NOTED THAT IT IS SOVIET CUSTON TO ISSUE SHORT, JOINT COMMUNIQUE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS.

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY HOTEL AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS MOH OFFICIALS REQUESTED COMPOSITION OF CALIFANO PARTY ASAP. TOON

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